

Notes and News.

ENTOMOLOGICAL GLEANINGS FROM ALL QUARTERS OF THE GLOBE.

New Muscoid Genera (Dip.).

The characters of the following new genera are given in a paper which has been submitted for publication, but which will be considerably delayed:

Myocerops gen. nov.—Genotype, *Musca carinifrons* Fall.—Europe.

Sumichrastia gen. nov.—Genotype, *Hystrichodexia aurea* Gig.—Tos—Mexico.

Pilatea gen. nov.—Genotype, *Masicera celer* Coq.—Louisiana.

Masiceropsis gen. nov.—Genotype, *Masicera pauciseta* Coq.—So. California.

Cnephalogonia gen. nov.—Genotype, *Gonia distincta* H. E. Smith—Connecticut.

Dichocropsis gen. nov.—Genotype, *Dichocera orientalis* Coq.—Massachusetts.

Megistogastropsis gen. nov.—Genotype, *Megistogaster wallacci* BB.—East Indies.

Pseudoservillia gen. nov.—Genotype, *Echinomyia flavopilosa* Big.—Java.

Sericotachina gen. nov.—Genotype, *Paratachina vulpccula* Wulp—W. Java.

Eutheropis gen. nov.—Genotype, *Euthera manni* Mik—So. Europe.

Gerocyptera gen. nov.—Genotype, *Trichoprosopa marginalis* Walk.—Amboyna.

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What the House Fly Did.

Last year our class in Zoology began a campaign against the fly. We started out with the idea that advertising would be our main means of getting the campaign started, and we were right, for very soon the campaign seemed to fairly take care of itself. Students from the class made speeches before all the Patrons' Clubs in the city during the month of February. One of our prominent daily papers promised to print everything we handed in on the subject. The class working together wrote weekly articles that were spicy and interesting. These attracted such attention that other papers demanded articles on the house fly. An insurance company requested that they be allowed to print pictorial posters on the subject, and that these be distributed about the city. The Electric Company asked to be allowed to give away fly swatters. One of the local theatres presented moving pictures of the fly, especially for the school children. Later the various clubs of the city asked to be represented in the movement. Finally a federation of clubs was formed to make this campaign an annual event. But right here is where disaster came to the enterprise, for the work of last year at least. Two factions arose, each demanding that certain officers be elected and certain policies be carried out. The feeling waxed so strong that when officers were finally elected, and policies were finally presented, everyone was far too angry to carry out anything. This smacks somewhat of other campaigns in our national affairs where very little is accomplished for the general good. This all goes to show that even though the teacher interests the parents most keenly, the parents are harder to work with than the children.—NETTIE COOK in *School Science and Mathematics*, xv, 146. February, 1915.